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REMARKS

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1. The following troop trains were seen passing through Muellrose, coming from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and proceeding toward Lieberose, during the period between 14 and 16 August: 1953:

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14 August. A train of 15 flatcars carrying 13 three-axle canvas-covered vehicles at 4:15 p.m.

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A train of 2 boxcars occupied by troops and 15 flatcars carrying 16 T-34 tanks and 3 vehicles

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A shipment of 9 tanks, presumably JS-3 tanks, and 8 motor vehicles

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16 August. A train of 5 boxcars occupied by troops, and 14 flatcars carrying 16 guns and about 14 motor vehicles at 6:20 a.m.

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At about 2 p.m. on 15 August, six motor vehicles were seen on the Muellrose-Beeskow road, en route toward Beeskow.

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2. On 15 August, 9 T-34/85 tanks, 2 BA-64 armored scout cars, 2 four-wheel armored personnel carriers, 6 x 82-mm mortars, 2 x 160-mm mortars, 2 x 76-mm AT guns, 16 trucks, each occupied by about 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia

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2 jeeps, occupied by 2 captains and 2 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 2 sedans occupied by a colonel and a lieutenant colonel; 4 other motor vehicles occupied by uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; and 2 ambulances were entrained at the Berlin-Schoeneweide railroad station and left toward Koenigswusterhausen. Troops and materiel had come from the Wuhlheide.

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3. At about 8:30 a.m. on 7 August, 18 to 20 JS-3 tanks, 6 to 8 SP guns, 9 to 12 guns, 16 to 18 trucks mounting four-barreled AA guns, 12 to 18 heavy mortars, several heavy machine guns on two wheels, 8 to 10 trucks, boxes and barrels and at least 600 troops wearing red-bordered

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black epaulets, including some with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia were loaded on four trains. Troops and materiel had come from the camp south of the Biesdorf railroad station. On 7 August, after the departure of the troops, about 20 JS tanks, 6 guns, 30 to 40 trucks, most of which mounted AA machine guns or four-barreled AA guns; 15 to 25 heavy mortars, 7 to 8 tank trucks, about 3 radio trucks, 2 to 3 jeeps and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia were seen in the camp south of the Biesdorf railroad station. On 9 August, the camp, which included a park and an athletic field adjoining to the west, had been vacated. Civilians were allowed to pass through the area, which was patrolled by VPs.<sup>3</sup>

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4. [ ] Colonel (Tech) Bugachev (fnu), who worked with the Werder construction staff, unexpectedly had gone to Moscow by air, [ ] the chief of the staff, as well as all senior officers in Werder, also were in Moscow.<sup>4</sup>

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5. At about 7:30 a.m. on 1 August, 1 sedan, 1 truck with trailer, 1 jeep, 10 trucks, 4 gun barrel trailers, 4 gun motor carriages, 16 prime movers, including 6 towing trailers; 4 x 122-mm guns, 32 officers and about 300 EM were entrained at the Altstadt railroad station in Brandenburg. [ ] Troops and materiel had come from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne. All of the entrained troops and materiel returned on 6 August.<sup>5</sup>

6. Troop trains passing through the Satzkorn railroad station on 13 August included a train of 10 boxcars loaded with ammunition and escorted by about 5 soldiers, coming from the direction of Loewenberg and proceeding toward Justerbog at 8 a.m.; and an undetermined number of cars attached to the regular freight train and carrying 3 x 122-mm field howitzers and about 20 troops at about 9 a.m.

7. On 31 July, a train, including 10 boxcars occupied by troops and carrying 18 x 37-mm AA guns and 20 trucks, was seen entering the Wismar railroad station.<sup>6</sup>

1. [ ] Comment. According to information on the assembling of railroad cars, the three trains on 14 August went from Frankfurt/Oder to Lieberose

[ ] The information that Frankfurt/Oder was the dispatching station tends to indicate that elements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div were in Frankfurt/Oder until mid-August. This confirms, to a certain extent, reports [ ] according to which, in late July, Camp Jamnitz was occupied only by guard details. At the same time, [ ] field camps in the north portion of the training area. [ ] The train on 16 August may have come from Fuerstenwalde where, according to a previous report, railroad cars had to be made available on 15 August.

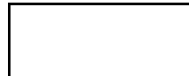
2. [ ] Comment. Reports on transportation indicated that a train [ ] was assembled at the Schoeneweide railroad station. The loading of this train, presumably with units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div [ ] The fact that the train left toward Koenigswusterhausen tends to indicate that the train went to Lieberose.

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Comment.

only two trains

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which went from Kaulsdorf to Biesenthal.

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The units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div who had

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remained in Camp Biesdorf, may have also left the camp

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the camp was vacant on 8 and 9 August.

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It is, however, believed that the camp was vacated only temporarily as, on 12 August, two shipments, possibly of units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, went from Templin to Kaulsdorf.

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Comment.

Colonel Bugachev (fnu) is known to belong to the Werder construction staff, which is also responsible for construction and reconditioning work at airfields in East Germany.

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Comment.

The trains observed were the shipments of the 124th Hv Arty Brig to and from Altengrabow

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Comment.

Probably an AAA shipment from or to Wustrow, which was also observed in Wismar

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